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Baltimore Morning Chronicle.

Similar reports, with precisely the same intentions, have been put into circulation in regard to the *Medical Recorder*; therefore the proprietor of that work thinks he cannot adopt a more appropriate motto.

THE MEDICAL RECORDER,

CONDUCTED BY

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Assisted by an Association of Physicians, in Philadelphia, New-York, Baltimore, and Norfolk.

The Proprietor of the above Journal thinks it may not be uninteresting to the medical profession, particularly to those who are unacquainted with the work, to give something of its history.

It was commenced in 1818, upon an independent principle, having solely in view the promotion of Medical Science, at the same time giving all possible useful and valuable information to the practitioner of medicine, disregarding the dogmas of any school, or any particular set of men whatever. To maintain so desirable an object, the proprietor has had great and powerful obstacles and much opposition to contend against, which need not be mentioned here. Suffice it to say, that various means have been used to make the Journal subservient to the particular views and interests of several sets of men; but as soon as it was discovered, means were promptly taken to prevent the independence of the Journal being impaired, by making a change in the editorial department: that the course pursued has been an advantage to the work, is evinced by the rapid increase of subscribers; upwards of three hundred and fifty having been received since the last change was made:—the number of subscribers, at the present time, is perhaps double the number any similar work ever obtained in the United States.

The Proprietor pledges himself that the usual independence of the Journal shall be maintained, and it gives him pleasure to say, that new and more ample arrangements have been made to render the work still more valuable and interesting to the Practitioner. Besides a direct correspondence with some of the most eminent Medical men in Europe, by which every thing new in Medicine and Surgery is obtained as early as possible after it is promulgated there, the *MEDICAL RECORDER* contains impartial reviews of the principal Medical Journals published in the United States, thus embracing the most important matter they contain; the nature of which will be better understood, by giving the Editor's note on commencing the reviews.

“ In conformity with our original design, of presenting to the public a view of the Medical and Surgical Intelligence of Europe and America, we shall devote hereafter some pages of our Journal to a Review of the periodical works of this country; restricting ourselves, however, to such information as is entirely practical, or so intimately related with the science as to have an important influence upon its most necessary duties: we shall exhibit the progress of improvement in every quarter, and, we hope, render the Journal a still more valuable depository of useful knowledge.”

With a view of giving a more general idea of the work, the table of contents of the four last numbers are given, also several notices of the work taken from respectable Journals, speaking of its merits.

The work is printed on fine paper, each number containing from 200 to 250 closely printed pages, and got up in a superior manner. Terms *five dollars* per annum, payable within the year of subscribing. No subscriptions discontinued until all arrearages are paid.

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NO. 27, FOR JULY. 1824.

The Proprietor of the Medical Recorder offered, during the last year, a premium of one hundred dollars for the best Essay on the Epidemic Fevers which have afflicted our country for the last few years. Many were received from various parts of the United States, and the premium was awarded to the Essay which commences this number, to which we earnestly recommend the attention of the Profession. The usefulness of the design will, we think, be found to be fully supported by the respectability of the memoir, not only as it embraces many of the opinions, on this interesting subject, which have been accumulated in the United States and Europe, in the periodical and other publications, but also, as it gives the result of the experience of an able practitioner, whose philosophical acumen is equalled only by his judgment and his zeal.

The Subscribers, appointed by Mr. James Webster to examine a number of Essays purporting to be histories of the late Epidemics, having carefully read the same, are unanimously of opinion that the one bearing the motto of "Veritas non filia est auctoritatis," is the best entitled to the proposed premium.

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Philadelphia, April 8th, 1824.

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From the Boston Medical Intelligencer.

THE MEDICAL RECORDER.

A desire to extend a knowledge, among our professional brethren, of the merits of this highly valuable publication, has induced us to bring this subject again before our readers. Since its first appearance, the Med. Rec. supported a high reputation, but when it came under the superintendence of the present editor, Dr. Colhoun, a spirit was infused into its pages, which has given it a decided superiority over the multitude of those tame periodical works on medicine, which are continually teeming from the press, and which are rather indebted to the respectable character every thing acquires by age, than to the intrinsic value of their borrowed and re-borrowed articles. It has too long been the practice among journalists of the United States, to make up a quarterly pamphlet out of half a dozen others:—this is the most direct method of ruining a periodical publication, of which fact, our own observation, from several years careful attention to such undertakings, has completely convinced us. There is learning enough, and experience enough, among American Physicians, to afford better specimens of medical literature in this country, than we have been generally treated with for many years past; but there is a sad want of *industry*, without which we shall justly feel the reproaches of European writers. Dr. Colhoun has wisely broken over the old laws of *due deference* to other people's opinion, and given such brilliant examples of originality, that we can strongly recommend the Medical Recorder to the notice of the profession, as one of the best public journals of medicine in the Union. It is published at Philadelphia, by Mr. James Webster; but we shall be happy to contribute to its circulation, by furnishing it to the order of any gentleman in this vicinity, who will leave a line at this office, particularly specifying their names and places of residence.

From the Frederick-Town Examiner.

AMERICAN LITERATURE.

This has been the theme upon which British critics and reviewers have exercised their talents and their pens since its first dawn in this country. In London and Edinburgh, more particularly, the most implacable hostility has been evinced, and the subject prosecuted with an ardor worthy of a better cause. How long those transatlantic writers will continue to make the literary productions of America the subjects of irony, burlesque and opprobrium, I will not pretend to determine; but certain it is, that the rapid progress which has already been made, proves incontestibly, that "*a taste for literature*" and science, and a genius, talent and industry for their cultivation, are not foreign to our soil. Though it may be said that "literature is one of those *finer manufactures* which a new country will always find it easier to import than raise," (Edinburgh Review) American literary productions sufficiently demonstrate, that we possess not only the materials of those finer manufactures, but the art of converting them into durable stuff, of a fine texture and great durability. America has produced her champions in all the intermediate branches of literature, from the romance to the most abstruse philosophic and scientific subjects. The lovers of romance may be gratified to learn that among the American writers for their entertainment, one at least may be found, who, in rapidity of composition surpasses, and in elegance of execution is but little, if any, inferior to Sir Walter Scott of novel memory. The periodical literature and poetry of our country are sufficient to falsify the assertion

—"—————that this is the land,
Where genius sickens, and where fancy dies."

On the more important subjects of philosophy and science, America can boast of productions which would put the authors of kindred ones of Euro-

pean origin to the blush, if brought in competition. To enumerate the various subjects on which Americans became successful candidates for literary fame, would swell the present remarks to an improper bulk; but the cultivators of *medical science*, from the variety and importance of their literary productions, ought not to be passed in silence. Various circumstances conspire to render the labours more extensive, and the productions more numerous in this than in any other class of men. Destined to witness, and called upon to relieve the diseases of their fellow beings—diseases as various in their phenomena, as the different organs and textures of the human frame, duty as well as necessity compels them to make active exertions and indefatigable research, to keep the mind prepared for a conscientious discharge of the duties of the profession with that promptitude which is often required. As well might we see a saint without practical devotion, as an able, scientific and conscientious physician without habitual study. The same causes which induced the philanthropic physician to consume the midnight oil in quest of knowledge, will prompt him to make an effort to become more extensively useful by communicating the result of his experience and reflections to his professional brethren. The thirst for distinction or fame, common to all men in some degree, doubtless operates as an additional, and, with many, a more powerful motive.

Another circumstance, which is too much neglected by the indolent part of the profession, is well calculated to stimulate the votaries of medical science in America, to exercise their talents in literary composition. A disease which bears the same name, frequently presents different phenomena and requires a modification of treatment under certain constitutional circumstances—in different latitudes, and in the same latitude at different seasons, and even during the same season, under different local circumstances. This may in some measure account for the discrepancy of opinions among medical philosophers.—Hence it is evident that American physicians cannot rely as securely on foreign publications, as those who devote their attention to the cultivation of the sciences which are uniform and invariable in their phenomena. Hence too, the encouragement that is, and ever should be extended to the medical periodical publications of our vastly extensive country, the variety of climate, soil, &c. of which are not its least interesting features when contemplated by the medical philosopher.

Without intending any disparagement to the other periodical medical journals of our country, I will at present advert to but one. "*The Medical Recorder*," conducted by Dr. Collhoun, and published quarterly in Philadelphia, is a work entitled, not only to the patronage, but to the *attentive perusal* of every physician and medical student in the United States. It is truly an independent work. Under the thralldom of no scholastic dogma, and pledged to support no particular medical college to the prejudice of another, it is exempt from one of the most fatal circumstances which too often attend works of this description—the promulgation of error under the imposing influence of a respectable university.

In addition to the important facts, original essays, and interesting reviews, each number of the work is enriched by an abstract of the improvements in medical science, collected from the best English, French, and German periodical journals. The best evidence of the intrinsic merits of the work is derived from the fact, that it is favorably spoken of by the associate of those men who declared that "*the supreme felicity of a true born American, is inaction of body and inanity of mind*." (Quarterly Review.) Some of the original essays have been translated into different languages and republished in foreign periodical journals. It may be considered a focus which collects and irradiates the most important medical information. The proprietor of the work, (Mr. Webster,) is entitled to the gratitude of the medical profession and the community, for his activity, zeal, and indefatigable exertion to render the work both interesting and useful.

RUSH.

PREMIUMS.

The proprietor of the *Medical Recorder*, desirous of advancing the science of medicine through the means of his journal, and flattered by the reception of the Essay which lately obtained a premium and was published in the last number, proposes to offer a series of others.

Convinced that the promotion of science will be better effected by leaving the choice of the subject to the candidates themselves, as it will enable every individual to exert his talents in a way best suited to promote the object in

view, he requests all persons disposed to write for them, to send their communications on or before the first days of January and July, with a sealed letter inclosing the name of the candidate. They will be submitted to the examination of not less than three respectable physicians, who will award the premium to those essays which will best advance the interests of the science. The amount of each premium will be \$50, to be paid to the successful candidate, in medical or other books. The plan to be continued for one year; if successful, the value of the premiums will be increased.

The communications, with a sealed note containing the author's name, must be addressed to the Proprietor of the Medical Recorder, (*post paid*): the unsuccessful Essays will be returned on application.

*Office of the Medical Recorder,
Philadelphia, 1825.*

N. B. Would it not be advisable for all those who offer Essays for the Premiums, to say—if not successful, the Editors of the Medical Recorder are at liberty to make such use of them as they may think proper? By adopting this course, many important facts to the Profession might be made known, which otherwise would be lost.

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